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Security Council

3 p.m. . . . . 4850th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Western Sahara

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/2003/1016)

Afternoon[1] . . . . . 4851st meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4850th meeting.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5254, as from Friday, 24 October 2003, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 45th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 46th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [58]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1) [59]: *joint debate*

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items 62 to 80:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 62* (A/58/202, A/C.1/58/L.32); *item 63* (A/58/128, A/C.1/58/L.48); *item 64* (A/58/29, A/C.1/58/L.24); *item 65* (A/C.1/58/L.11, A/C.1/58/L.58); *item 67* (A/C.1/58/L.30); *item 68* (A/C.1/58/L.3); *item 69* (A/58/373, A/C.1/58/L.33); *item 73* (A/58/117 and A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176 and A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1, A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.9, A/C.1/58/L.10, A/C.1/58/L.15, A/C.1/58/L.16, A/C.1/58/L.17, A/C.1/58/L.18, A/C.1/58/L.19, A/C.1/58/L.25, A/C.1/58/L.25/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.26, A/C.1/58/L.27, A/C.1/58/L.29, A/C.1/58/L.31, A/C.1/58/L.35, A/C.1/58/L.39, A/C.1/58/L.40, A/C.1/58/L.43, A/C.1/58/L.45, A/C.1/58/L.46, A/C.1/58/L.47, A/C.1/58/L.51, A/C.1/58/L.53); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274, A/C.1/58/L.7, A/C.1/58/L.13, A/C.1/58/L.21, A/C.1/58/L.28, A/C.1/58/L.54, A/C.1/58/L.55, A/C.1/58/L.57); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259; A/58/316, A/C.1/58/L.5, A/C.1/58/L.20); *item 76* (A/58/259, A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part I), A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1, A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.23); *item 77* (A/58/163, A/C.1/58/L.50); and *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2, A/C.1/58/L.42) (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3, A/C.1/58/3/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2*)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information (A/58/21, A/58/175, A/58/16, chap. III, sect. B, programme 23, and A/58/90, annex) . . . . . [86]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 26th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women . . . . . [110]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.19 and A/C.3/58/L.22

2. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [113]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.23, A/C.3/58/L.24 and A/C.3/58/L.25

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/58/3, A/58/18, A/58/80-E/2003/71 and A/58/313)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/58/324 and A/58/331)

Rights of peoples to self-determination (A/58/115 and A/58/180) . . . . . [116]

Continuation of general discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (A/58/531) . . . . . [123]

General discussion

10.30 a.m. 2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

Programme planning . . . . . [122]

Introduction of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 by the Secretary-General

(A/58/6, A/58/6/Corr.1 and A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sect. 1), A /58/6 (Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Sect. 3), A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.2, A/58/6 (Sect. 4), A/58/6 (Sect. 5), A/58/6 (Sect. 6), A/58/6 (Sect. 7), A/58/6 (Sect. 8), A/58/6 (Sect. 9), A/58/6 (Sect. 10), A/58/6 (Sect. 11), A/58/6 (Sect. 12), A/58/6 (Sect. 13), A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 14)/Rev.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 15), A/58/6 (Sect. 16), A/58/6 (Sect. 17), A/58/6 (Sect. 18), A/58/6 (Sect. 19), A/58/6 (Sect. 20), A/58/6 (Sect. 21), A/58/6 (Sect. 22), A/58/6 (Sect. 23), A/58/6 (Sect. 24), A/58/6 (Sect. 25), A/58/6 (Sect. 26), A/58/6 (Sect. 27), A/58/6 (Sect. 28), A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 30), A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32), A/58/6 (Sect. 33), A/58/6 (Sect. 34), A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2) and A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3))

Introduction of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)

Introduction of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16)

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 130 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services: annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/58/364); Audit of the Headquarters Committee on Contracts (A/58/294); and Review of the structure and operations of the United Nations information centers (A/57/747)); and 134 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: use of United Nations volunteers (A/55/697, A/55/874 and A/56/7))

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [agenda item 104 (b)]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

All delegations wishing to inscribe in *additional* ministerial-level round tables, to be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are invited to do so on the basis of availability and first-come-first-served. Currently, there is still availability in round tables 2, 4, 6 and 8.

All delegations wishing to do so are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe the name of the participating Minister or the Head of delegation on the list of participants in round tables on the following themes:

Round tables 1 and 2 (morning): *"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"*

Round tables 3 and 4 (morning): *"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"*

Round tables 5 and 6 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"*

Round tables 7 and 8 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system"*.

Background information is available on the FFD Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd.

Sixth Committee

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session (A/58/10) . . . . . [152]

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 152 (Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session) (Responsibility of international organizations)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session: United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF)
2. Executive session: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
3. Draft reports

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) (chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 28 October 2003

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Mason Group *(on First Committee matters)*

9–10.15 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

OIC Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

OIC Group *(Sixth Committee experts)*

1.45–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Southern Africa Development Community *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow-up to Madrid; and INSTRAW)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(on agenda items 93 (a), (c), 97 and 99 (a))*

2–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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African Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (agenda item 112) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Ms. Mervat Tallawy, will hold a briefing for the Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level), on the implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development in the region, *today*, 28 October 2003, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. Conference Room 9.

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Mr. Kim Hak-Su, will hold a briefing on the implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development in the region, *today*, 28 October 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal hearings of civil society and the business sector on financing for development

In preparation for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (29-30 October 2003), there will be informal hearings of civil society and the business sector, chaired by H.E. Mr. Julian R. Hunte (Saint Lucia), President of the fifty-eight session of the General Assembly. The hearings of civil society will take place *today*, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The hearings of the business sector will be held *today*, 28 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Background information and provisional programmes of both hearings are available on the Financing for Development Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd. For further information, please contact Mr. Daniel Platz (tel. 1 (212) 963-3664); or Mr. Krishnan Sharma (tel. 1 (212) 963-4451).

Fourth Meeting of the Open Forum for Partnership

The Fourth Meeting of the Open Forum for Partnership, organized by the United Nations Office of the High Representative of the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing Countries, will be held *today*, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will make a presentation on the theme "UNCTAD XI: The Way Forward After Cancún for the Least Developed Countries". Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Eder García (tel. 1 (212) 963-5051; or e-mail ohrlls-unhq@un.org).

Meeting of Legal Advisers

There will be a meeting of Legal Advisers *today*, 28 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 28 October 2003

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Wednesday, 29 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 47th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development . . . . . [104 (b)]

(a) Reports by the Secretary-General (A/58/216 and A/58/323)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/58/436)

(c) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3, Parts I-II)

(d) Note by the Secretariat (A/58/77, A/58/77/Add.1 and A/58/77/Add.2)

(e) Conference Room Paper (A/58/CRP.2)

Morning[1] **Round tables**

Round tables 1 and 2: ***"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"***

Round table 1. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Round table 2. . . . . Conference Room 5

Round tables 3 and 4: ***"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"***

Round table 3. . . . . Conference Room 6

Round table 4. . . . . Conference Room 7

3 p.m. **Round tables**

Round tables 5 and 6: ***"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"***

Round table 5. . . . . Conference Room 5

Round table 6. . . . . Conference Room 6

Round tables 7 and 8: ***"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system".***

Round table 7. . . . . Conference Room 7

Round table 8. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 47th plenary meeting.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 11th meeting on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng

(Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the pledging conference, in writing, to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers will be open as of Friday, 24 October 2003. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held as follows: Wednesday, 29 October, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; Thursday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3; and Friday, 31 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

Informal consultations

The President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 31 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, on all issues before the 51st meeting of the resumed substantive session of the Council.

Resumed substantive session 2003

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 51st meeting on Friday, 31 October 2003, in the afternoon[1], in the Economic and Social Council, on the following outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session 2003:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2003/104 and E/2003/105[2]) [1]

Elections (postponed elections)[3]:

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/L.3/Add.13)

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

International Narcotics Control Board (E/2003/L.3/Add.12)

2. Regional cooperation (E/2003/15/Add.2)[2] . . . . . [10]
3. Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]
   (h) International cooperation in tax matters
   (i) United Nations Forum on Forests (E/2003/42)

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.
[2] To be issued.
[3] For additional information on elections, please contact Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722).

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Eastern European States Group: Group of Experts on Candidatures

There will be a meeting of the Group of Experts on Candidatures of the Eastern European Group on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow-up to Madrid; and INSTRAW)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(follow-up to Beijing and Beijing+5; follow-up to Madrid; and INSTRAW)* on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1.p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Group of 77 *(Second Committee meeting on environment and sustainable development; and the issue of partnerships)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on environment and sustainable development; and the issue of partnerships)* on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1.p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 29 and 30 October 2003, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Briefing on "The International Financial Structure" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be a briefing on "The International Financial Structure", organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A new study on the international financial structure will be presented by its authors. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Southern African Development Committee (SADC) *(Third Committee experts) (agenda item 112)*

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Committee (SADC) *(Third Committee experts) (agenda item 112)* on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Panel discussion on "Policy Coherence, Mutual Accountability and Partnership: Fulfilling the Promises of Monterrey"

A panel discussion on "Policy Coherence, Mutual Accountability and Partnership: Fulfilling the Promises of Monterrey", organized by the United Nations Development Programme and the Centre for Global Development, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held

on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hafiz Pasha, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dasa Silovic (tel. 1 (212) 906-5329).

Meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

A meeting of co-sponsors and open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international covenants on human Rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, and on Friday, 31 October.

Open-ended meeting on the draft resolution on implementing actions proposed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in strengthening the capacity of his Office to carry out its mandate (agenda item 112) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

There will be open-ended meeting on the draft resolution on implementing actions proposed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in strengthening the capacity of his Office to carry out its mandate (agenda item 112) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies" (agenda item 20) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mongolia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies" (agenda item 20), organized by the Permanent Mission of Mongolia, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, will be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MASON Group *(on First Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the MASON Group *(on First Committee matters)* on Thursday, 30 October 2003, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa)*

There will be a meeting of the African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (Third Committee))*, organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian children" (A/C.3/58/L.24) (agenda item 113) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Egypt)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian children" (A/C.3/58/L.24) (agenda item 113), organized by the Permanent Mission of Egypt, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Round table on "Campaigning for the Millennium Development Goals in the United States: Challenges, Opportunities and the NetAid Approach"

There will be a round table on "Campaigning for the Millennium Development Goals in the United States: Challenges, Opportunities and the NetAid Approach", co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty"

There will be a presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty", organized by the Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of

Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The report will be presented by Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, and Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nena Terrell (tel. 1 (212) 906-3629).

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and on Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (agenda item 40 (c)), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefings by Executive Secretaries of regional commissions on the regional implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development

Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), will hold a briefing for ECE Member States, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Officer-in-Charge, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), will hold a briefing for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9.

Mr. K.Y. Amoako, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), will hold a briefing for the African Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92), organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room S-2963D.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Briefing on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force)

There will be a briefing by Mr. Mark Furrer, State Secretary, Director of the Federal Office of Communications, Switzerland; Mr. Daniel Stauffacher, Delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for the World Summit; and Mr. Nitin Desai, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the World Summit on the Information Society, on the first phase of the World Summit, to be held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003. The briefing, organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force, will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Background material on the World Summit can be obtained on the following Web site: www.itu.int/wsis/. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Lehtinen, ICT Task Force secretariat (e-mail lehtinen@un.org).

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 4 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Panel discussion on microcredit

There will be a panel discussion on microcredit, co-organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Microcredit Summit Campaign, on the occasion of the release of the *State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Report*, on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710).

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium II on "Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Development": Monday, 3 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium;

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*, as follows: 4 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A; 11 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 31 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2004. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the NAM Caucus Room.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Monday, 27 October 2003

Security Council

4849th meeting

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Letter dated 12 September 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/879)

Letter dated 3 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/946)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/1033, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2003/1033) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2003/1033) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1512 (2003).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/18).

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

43rd plenary meeting

Follow-up on the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/58/L.5) . [60]

The representative of China made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.5.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Group 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Brazil, India, Cuba, Thailand and Pakistan.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 60.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; ***Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields*** [58]; ***Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1)*** [59]: joint debate

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), as well as by H.E. The Honourable Kaliopate Tavola, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), and the representatives of Norway, Algeria (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group),

Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Egypt and Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey).

44th plenary meeting

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [58]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and Corr.1) [59]: joint debate

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia, Kuwait, Japan, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, South Africa, Jamaica, Malaysia, Guatemala, the United States, Switzerland, Guyana, Tunisia and Belarus.

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development . . . . [104]

(b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

(i) Note by the Secretariat (A/57/CRP.5)

(ii) Draft decision (A/58/L.6)

The representative of Pakistan made statement.

The President of the General Assembly made statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/58/L.6.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 104.

Main Committees

First Committee

16th meeting

The Committee began its third phase of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions/decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items 62 to 80.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and Cuba made statements.

In explanations of vote before the vote, the representatives of Israel, the United States and Italy (on behalf of the European Union) made statements.

Draft decision A/C.1/58/L.2 was adopted by a recorded vote of 104 to 7, with 40 abstentions.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.4 was adopted by a recorded vote of 90 to 3, with 59 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.6 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.8 was adopted by a recorded vote of 98 to none, with 59 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.12 was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/58/L.14 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.22 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.34 was adopted by a recorded vote of 99 to 46, with 14 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.36 was adopted by a recorded vote of 102 to 46, with 10 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.38 was adopted as follows: the last three words in operative paragraph 5 were adopted by a recorded vote of 142 to 2, with 11 abstentions; operative paragraph 5 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 145 to 1, with 11 abstentions; and draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.38 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 146 to 3, with 9 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.49 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.52 was adopted by a recorded vote of 151 to 1, with 4 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of the Republic of Korea, India, Colombia, Germany, Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Cuba, Pakistan, Spain, the United Kingdom and Australia made statements.

The representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.37 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.41 was adopted without a vote.

The representatives of Pakistan, New Zealand and Egypt then made statements in explanation of position.

On a point of order, the representative of Yemen made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.44 was adopted by a recorded vote of 161 to none, with 3 abstentions.

The representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), the Netherlands and Belarus made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

14th meeting

Questions relating to information . . . . . [86]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/58/175.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information made a statement.

The representative of Jamaica, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/58/21).

The representative of Bangladesh, in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Information, made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate on this item and heard statements by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, the associated countries – Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Venezuela, Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Lebanon, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Tunisia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Ecuador.

Second Committee

22nd meeting

Training and research . . . . . [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research. The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement. The Director of the United Nations System Staff College in Turin made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), Egypt, Nigeria, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of MERCOSUR) and Pakistan.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research responded to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on item 99 and sub-items (a) and (b).

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

At the request of the representative of Italy, the Committee approved an extension of the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 99 to Thursday, 30 October.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation . . . . . [93]

(b) Human resources development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.5

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development . . . . [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8

The representative of Tajikistan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Third Committee

25th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Rights of peoples to self-determination (A/58/115 and A/58/180). . . . . . [116]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, in which the representative of Cuba took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, the Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Cuba, Egypt, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)) and San Marino.

The observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

Right of reply

The representatives of Morocco and Algeria made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the list of speakers for items 115 (a) and (b) and item 116 would be closed at 1 p.m. the same day, and that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under the 2 items was Friday, 31 October, at 6 p.m.

Sixth Committee

14th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session [152]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 152. The Chairman of the Committee spoke.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Enrique Candioti, introduced chapters I, II, III, IV and XI of the Commission's report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Denmark

(also on behalf of the Nordic countries), Austria, Japan, the Netherlands, Italy and Germany.

The Special Rapporteur for the topic "Responsibility of international organizations", Mr. Giorgio Gaja, made a statement.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [155]

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.18.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Senegal (27 October 2003)[1]

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Ratification: Peru (27 October 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification: Turkey (24 October 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Turkey (24 October 2003)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Turkey (24 October 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Senegal (27 October 2003)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Senegal (27 October 2003)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Senegal (27 October 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention is expected to be adopted on Friday, 31 October 2003, during the the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

It is also expected that the Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Interactive dialogue (in memory of Sergio Vieira de Mello)

The Permanent Mission of Mali, in cooperation with PDHRE-People's Movement for Human Rights Education and the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, invites members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media to participate in an interactive dialogue on societal development through human rights education on and learning on "Freedom from want" and "Freedom from fear", to be held *today*, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Global Security Treaties: Strengthening the Rule of Law." The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Special event to launch the International Year of Rice, 2004

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/162, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will launch the International Year of Rice, 2004, at a ceremony to be held on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 12.30 to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Special event on the occasion of the third anniversary of the adoption of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2002) (Women, peace and security)

On the occasion of the third anniversary of the adoption of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) (Women, peace and security), a panel discussion on "Impact of 1325 – Reality or Fiction?", co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Department of Political Affairs, and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Women, Peace and Security, will be held, on Friday, 31 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (tel. 1 (212) 963 5221; e-mail osagi@un.org).

Web sites

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 27 October 2003.

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